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TAGS:
SUBJECT: ART EXHIBITION: DE KOONING

1. USG'S PARTICIPATION IN CSCE INTERNATIONAL ART EXHIBITION AT NATIONAL MUSEUM OF BELGRADE OCTOBER 1 - DECEMBER 1 WILL BE SUPERB SELECTION OF 10 RECENT PAINTINGS AND TWO SCULPTURES BY WILLEM DE KOONING ONE OF THE GREAT CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN MASTERS.

2. THE TEN PAINTINGS DATE FROM 1975 AND 1976 AND THE TWO SCULPTURES WERE MADE IN 1972. THE SHOW IS A BRILLIANT ASSEMBLAGE OF WORK OF AN ARTISTIC GENIUS AT THE PEAK OF HIS CAREER. TO FILL-OUT EXHIBITION, A SELECTION OF RECENT PRINTS AND DRAWINGS BY DE KOONING WILL BE ADDED AFTER BELGRADE.

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3. SHOW WILL BE AVAILABLE MID-DECEMBER FOR A PERIOD TO BE DETERMINED BY THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING POSTS.

4. IN ORDER TO AGREE A PROPOSED TOUR OF THESE WORKS, DE KOONING AND HIS DEALER INSIST ON KNOWING THE FOLLOWING:

1. SITE
2. CLIMATIC AND SECURITY PROVISIONS
3. NAME OF MUSEUM DIRECTOR, CURATOR AND REGISTRAR.

5. IF PRO-RATED, THIS EXHIBITION SHOULD COST 2000 DOLLARS PER POST, PLUS ONWARD SHIPPING. BELGRADE'S COSTS WILL BE 1000 DOLLARS PLUS ONWARD SHIPPING; BELGRADE SEND ID NUMBER FOR 1000 DOLLARS USING FY '78 FUNDS, TO ICS/DA THROUGH IOA/RMS.

6. CATALOGUE MATERIALS INCLUDING BRIEF ESSAY BY ABRAM LERNER, DIRECTOR OF HIRSCHHORN MUSEUM WILL BE SUPPLIED; LERNER WAS CURATOR OF CSCE EXHIBITION.

7. POSTS WISHING TO HAVE EXHIBITION SHOULD SUPPLY DATA REQUESTED IN PARA 4 AND PREFERRED DATES ASAP. POST SHOULD STRESS TENTATIVE NATURE OF EXHIBITION TOUR IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MUSEUM OFFICIALS SINCE DEALER AND ARTIST MUST BE SATISFIED BEFORE TOUR WILL TAKE PLACE.

8. MANY WORKS ILLUSTRATED IN DE KOONING CATALOGUES OF 1975 AND 1976 WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO INTERESTED POSTS.

9. THIS EXTRAORDINARY OFFER IS MADE WITH FULL UNDERSTANDING OF COMPLICATED NEGOTIATIONS WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY TO ARRIVE AT ACCORDS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS. HOWEVER, TIGHT SCHEDULING NECESSITATES AN INDICATION OF POST INTEREST TO ICS/DA BY SEPTEMBER 1
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AT LATEST. AGENCY FEELS THAT FOUR-COUNTRY TOUR IS INDICATED FOR EXHIBITION OF THIS SIZE AND VALUE AND WILL OFFER IT TO WESTERN EUROPEAN POSTS IF ADDRESSEES CAN NOT PLACE IT. CHRISTOPHER

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